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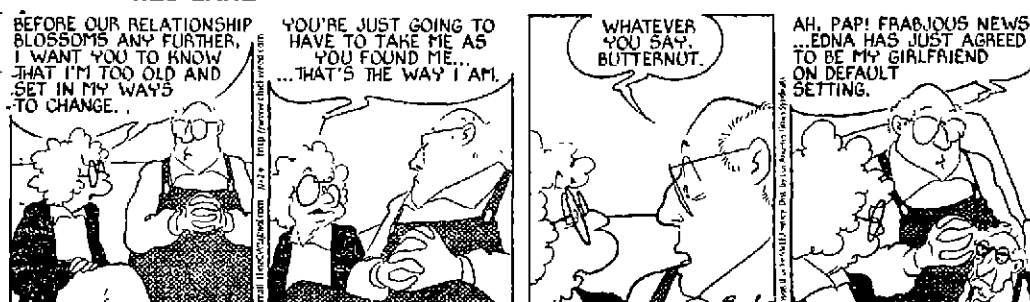
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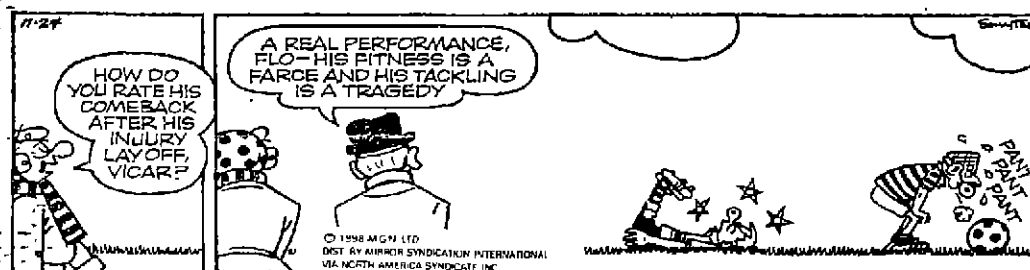
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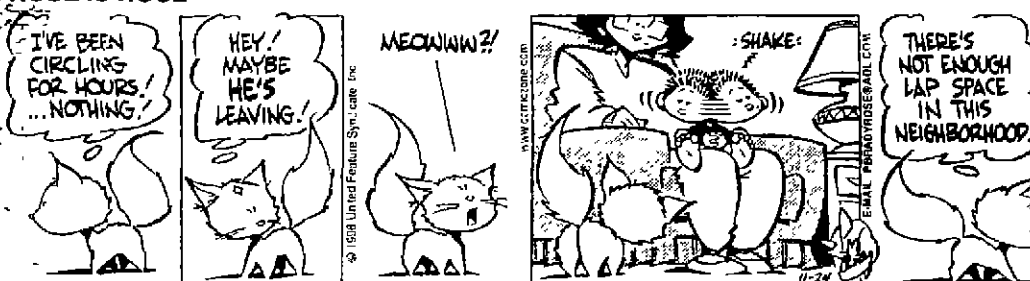
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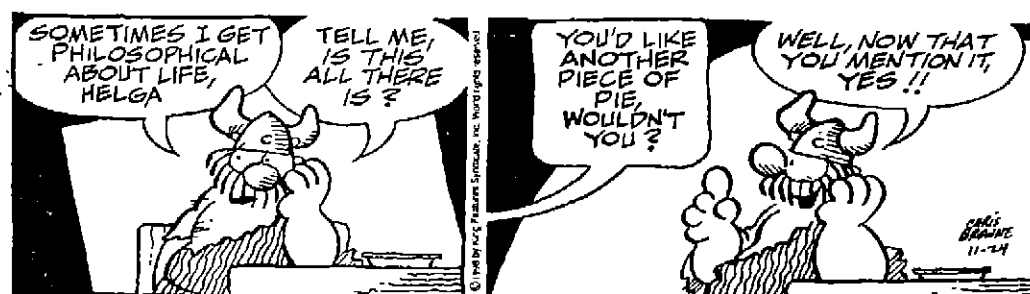
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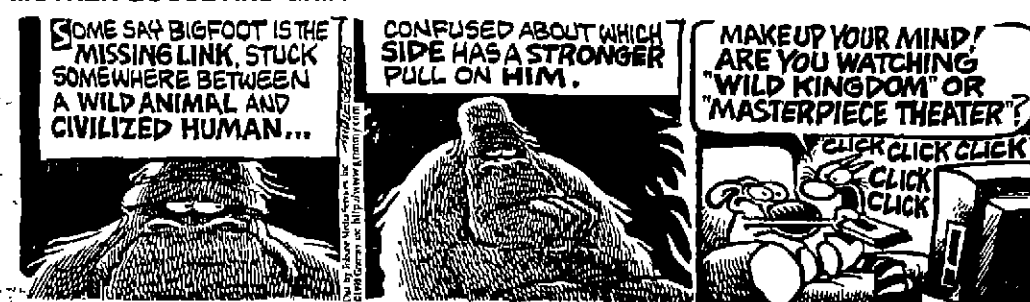
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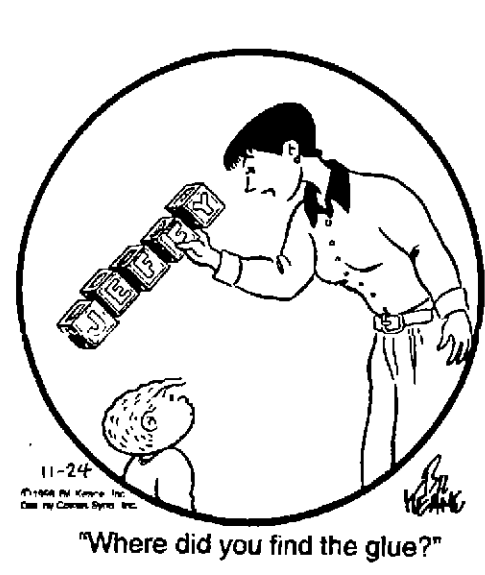
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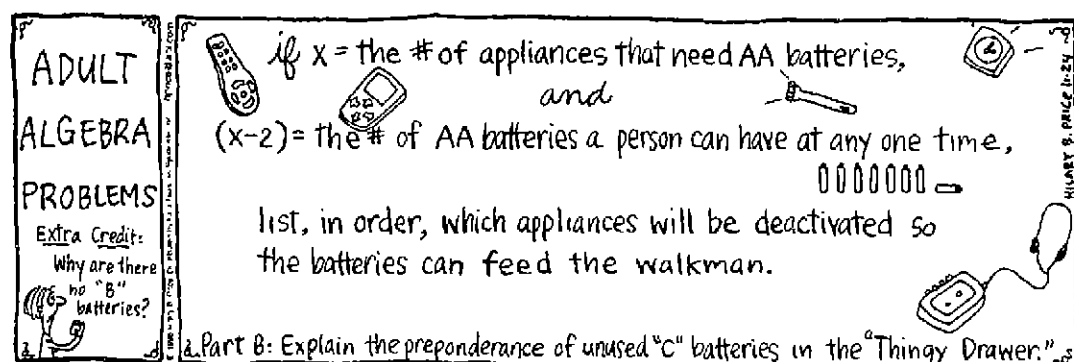
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Columnist William F. Buckley is 73. Rock 'n' roll drummer Pete Best is 57. Rock musician Donald "Duck" Dunn (Booker T. & the MG's) is 57. Actor Stanley Livingston ("My Three Sons") is 48. Rock musician Clem Burke (Blondie) is 43. Record producer Terry Lewis is 42. Actress Denise Crosby is 41. Rock musician John Squire (The Stone Roses) is 36.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

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PAR SCORE 145-155 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and CSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 11-24-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

RACK 1: R, A, O, H, E, N, M

RACK 2: H, h, l, u, s, s, s

RACK 3: N, s, f, l, s, e, u

RACK 4: T, e, y, o, t, l, r

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Seen along the road

J T Q O S L I G D B Y W T R S
P S K C U R T M O K I F D S E
B Y W U S Q E O V R M K I D C
H I T C H H I K E R F D E R N
B Z R X W U S D R S Q X F A E
O N S E C I L O P A I L I O F
J H I P T U F M A T M D L B D
C A G Y O T A W S V E E D L T
S Q N H P R I N S M L K L L I
H F S E C B C L Z Y W V I I U
S R Q P N M L S K C E R W B M

Monday's unlisted clue: CUREFW

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: 18-WHEELERS

Billboards: Hiltchiker Overpass Signs
Crops: Litter Police Wildlife
Exits: Median Ramps Wrecks
Fences: Mile markers Shoulder

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11/24

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're feeling ready to scream and shout; don't be afraid to express yourself!

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A challenge to your position arises, fortunately you are well equipped to deal with it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It might be difficult not to take a business failure personally, but realize that it was quite beyond your control.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Sometimes there's safety in anonymity, and one of these moments is likely to arise.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You are forced to choose between compromising and keeping the peace or holding on to your pride and causing a rift.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Subconscious issues begin to emerge, most likely with a close family member.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Someone from your past very much wishes to organize a reunion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Someone is likely to misinterpret what you intended to be a quite harmless remark.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your ideas are worth far more than you realize, so stop being afraid to share them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Although you find yourself suddenly willing to take a financial risk, make sure you don't gamble more than you can truly afford to lose.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Realize that the events which you are so eagerly waiting for require your initiative.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Frustrations arise with others, and you are unable to tolerate fools.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

North and South were using nonforcing Staymen and transfers, and South's bidding promised five spades and four hearts with game-forcing strength. Attuned to the bidding, West made a great choice in leading the club ace. South was marked with the majors, and the club lead offered more hope than a diamond. West's lead was "right on."

Had he led a diamond or a trump, South would have collected a speedy 11 tricks. East signaled with his club king under West's ace. He intended this as a suit-preference signal, asking West to shift to the higher-ranking suit. West assumed East was asking for a continuation and led another club, and now there was no way to beat the game. East must shoulder the blame. The suit-preference signal is best used only when the signal is clear to both defenders. Given dummy's solid diamonds, West would have had an easy shift to hearts had East played his club deuce at trick one. Two quick hearts and another club would have netted one down. The priorities for signaling at trick one are: attitude first, suit preference second. Trouble begins when one side of a partnership tries to substitute one for the other.

NORTH 11-24 A
K 5-1
K 2
A K Q J 10 4
8-4

WEST 9-7 4
9-5 3
8-6 5 2
A 8-6

EAST 10-6
A Q 8 4
9-3
K Q 7 5 2

SOUTH A Q J 8 2
J 10 7 6
7
J 10 J

Vulnerable, Both
Dealer North

The bidding
NORTH East South West
1NT Pass 2♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead Club ace

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1013

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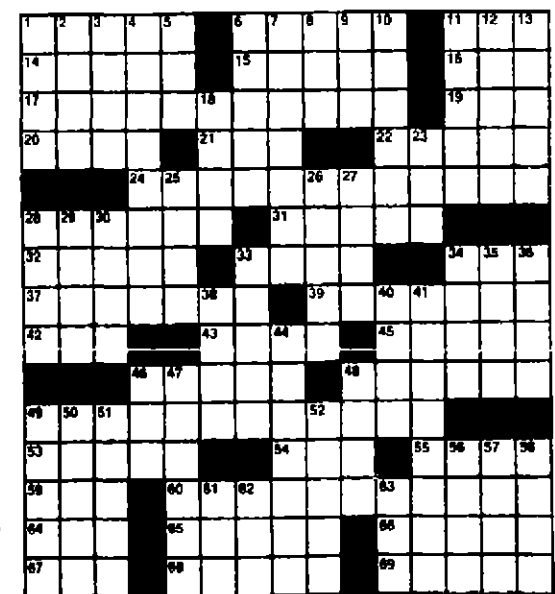
- 1 Disney's deer
- 2 With 16-Across, a famed diast
- 11 "Am — believe...?"
- 14 "Hoods"
- 15 Get a new tenant for
- 16 See 6-Across
- 17 Mighty Cardinal
- 18 — Cruces, N.M.
- 20 "... sting like"
- 21 "Oh wow!"
- 22 Broken-down motorist's signal
- 24 Nickname of 17-Across hero Babe Ruth
- 25 On the train
- 31 Unbending
- 32 Gets really steamed
- 33 Suffix with gang
- 34 Massachusetts' Cape —
- 37 Turn loose
- 38 Official reproach
- 42 N.F.L. scores
- 43 Cooperate with a shooter
- 45 Playful animal
- 46 Lamb Chop's mentor
- 48 Had relevance to
- 49 Call after a hit by 17-Across
- 53 Minxes
- 54 "Cara —" (1965 hit)
- 55 Diva's big moment
- 56 State next to Miss.
- 60 Title for 17-Across
- 64 "... a lender be"
- 65 Clear the board
- 66 Contradict
- 67 Little scurrier
- 68 Sees socially
- 69 Where Minos ruled

DOWN

- 1 Grimson Tide, briefly
- 2 Show horse
- 3 Nothing more than
- 4 Popular fund-raiser
- 5 Credo
- 6 Vernacular
- 7 1980's sitcom with two Darryls
- 8 The Greatest
- 9 Suffix with cash
- 10 Opponent for Martina or Monica
- 11 Nonblood relative
- 12 Princess topper
- 13 Beginning
- 14 Common ailment
- 15 Hallucination cause
- 16 Constellation bear
- 17 One in the family
- 18 Very nasty sort
- 19 Border on
- 20 Oor
- 21 Squeeches a squeak

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

EMAIL EDAM STLO
SAMOA MIMI TWIN
SPINOCTOR RIFE
OSS — DIES — ABUSES
PELE SCOTT
POWERS TALISMAN
ASHER PIXEL YMA
CHIP DADOS MAUD
EER DOYEN FARRI
SALTINES CALMER
PRATE DOVE
SPOILS DEMO SMO
PROP TURNAROUND
CELL ONUS ELITE
APSE PAGE DETEN



Puzzle by Nancy Sorkon

- 23 Pint-sized
- 24 Like a button
- 25 After-lunch sandwich
- 26 Actor Bruce
- 27 Bit of a lift
- 28 American-born Queen of Jordan
- 29 Runner in the raw
- 30 Kind of cat
- 31 Pacifier
- 32 Quite quiet
- 33 Bridges of Hollywood
- 34 The Donald's first ex
- 35 Eagle's gnpper
- 36 Bright
- 37 Takes on
- 38 Get to, so to speak
- 39 "What's — for me?"
- 40 Onetime Time film critic James
- 41 Man-mouse link
- 42 Welcome —
- 43 "ER" network

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